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Tweet from @londonbreed this morning:

As much as anyone, I want a thorough investigation into how the police report related to Jeff Adachi's death was leaked. I made it clear to the Police Department that responsible parties within the department needed to be held accountable...

...for the illegal and reprehensible release of this information. I want the SFPD to get to the bottom of this, but I am not okay with police raids on reporters. We need to do better.

However, two judges issued the search warrant, and I have to believe that the judges' decision was legal and warranted, and therefore so was the search. Whether or not the search was legal, warranted and appropriate, however, is another question.

And the more we learn, the less appropriate it looks to me. While the legal process in this case will play out in our courts, we need a protocol going forward for how to handle investigations that involve members of the media.

A free and independent press plays a crucial role in our society, and we have to work harder to honor not only the letter of California's Shield Law, but also the spirit of it.

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